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English Language Declaration

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I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**STAGE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL
MICROSCOPE INCLUDING Z-AXIS STAGE AND PIEZOELECTRIC
ACTUATOR FOR RECTILINEAR TRANSLATION OF Z STAGE**

the specification of which
 X is attached hereto.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), and
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Applicant(s): Gary D. Rondeau and John H. Zemek

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Title: STAGE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL MICROSCOPE INCLUDING Z-AXIS STAGE
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